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1. HERewith FULL TEXT REG SHAY BY-LINER THE WASHINGTON POST THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1976, HEADED "RHODESIA'S SMITH PLANS TO JOIN TALKS IN S. AFRICA."

2. PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH IS ASKING HIS RULING RHODESIAN FRONT PARTY FOR PERMISSION TO GO TO SOUTH AFRICA THIS WEEK-END TO JOIN TALKS WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AND SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER.

3. ANTICIPATION OF SMITH'S SPEECH AND UNPRECEDENTEDLY HEAVY SECURITY MEASURES DOMINATED TODAY'S OPENING SESSION OF THE THREE-DAY PARTY CONGRESS, WHICH TODAY HEARD PARTY CHAIRMAN DES FROST CRITICIZE KISSINGER'S MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR PLAN TO COMPENSATE WHITES IN RHODESIA IN THE EVENT OF BLACK-MAJORITY RULE.

4. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT WHENEVER KISSINGER INVOLVED HIMSELF IN ISSUES BEYOND AMERICA'S SHORES, WESTERN CIVILIZA-
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TION LOST GROUND, AND TO PRAISE SMITH'S REFUSAL UNTIL NOW

TO "NEGOTIATE ON DR. KISSINGER'S TERMS RATHER THAN THOSE OF OUR OWN MAKING."

5. SMITH'S SPEECH, SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, IS EXPECTED TO BE A REPORT ON HIS TALKS WITH VORSTER IN PRETORIA AFTER VORSTER AND KISSINGER MET IN ZURICH AND A REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO JOIN THE LATEST ROUND OF VORSTER-KISSINGER TALKS. SMITH HAS NOT MET WITH U.S. DIPLOMATS SINCE HIS UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITAIN 11 YEARS AGO.

6. TODAY'S SESSION WAS GIVEN OVER TO FROST'S OPENING ADDRESS AND THE PASSAGE OF SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS THAT REFLECTED HARD-LINE THINKING AND CONCERN AT WHITES' DEPARTURE FROM THE COUNTRY.

7. ONE RESOLUTION EXPRESSED CONCERN AT WHITES' FARMS STANDING EMPTY, WHICH COULD "CREATE A SECURITY RISK"; ANOTHER WAS ABOUT "THE INCREASING INFILTRATION BY MEMBERS OF OTHER COMMUNITIES (BLACKS) INTO EUROPEAN RESIDENTIAL AREAS", AND A THIRD CALLED FOR A MANDATORY DEATH PENALTY FOR THOSE CONVICTED OF TERRORISM OR OF HELPING TERRORISTS.

8. NEXT WEEK, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF UMTALI IS TO APPEAR IN COURT ON FOUR COUNTS OF FAILING TO REPORT THE PRESENCE OF TERRORISTS AND COUNSELING OTHERS TO DO THE SAME. ON CONVICTION, IRISH-BORN BISHOP DONAL LAMONT, 65, COULD BE SENTENCED TO AS MUCH AS 15 YEARS ON EACH CHARGE.

9. TODAY THE COUNTRY'S FIVE OTHER BISHOPS ISSUED A STATEMENT SUPPORTING BISHOP LAMONT AND DEMANDING URGENT "RADICAL CHANGES." "THE TIMES ARE MUCH TOO SERIOUS," THE BISHOPS' STATEMENT SAID, "TO NIGGLE ABOUT LEGAL NICETIES."

10. TODAY ARMED GUARDS KEPT EVERYONE BUT DELEGATES MORE THAN A HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE CONGRESS HALL, WHILE SOLDIERS WITH BINOCULARS PATROLLED ROOFTOPS. LIGHT AIRCRAFT CIRCLED OVER HILLS NEAR THIS TOWN, AND WORK PARTIES COULD BE SEEN BURNING OUT DENSE HILLTOP BRUSH.

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11. UMTALI, ONLY TWO MILES FROM THE MOZAMBIQUE BORDER, CAME UNDER MORTAR AND ROCKET ATTACK LAST MONTH, AND MILITARY OFFICIALS EXPRESSED WORRY THAT THE HEAVILY PUBLICIZED PARTY CONGRESS MIGHT SPARK AN ATTACK BY BLACK NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS BELIEVED TO BE ENCAMPED ACROSS THE FRONTIER. (END TEXT) HABIB

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